

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 were previously canceled.

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19. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating in a computer system comprising:
 managing a queue in a storage area network of said computer system supporting
 an asynchronous messaging and queuing system;
 receiving a message request at ~~a queue manager of said storage area network~~ from
 a second queue manager local to a second server; and
 passing said received message request to a storage area network controller local to
 a first server of said storage area network; ; and

maintaining message data on said queue on storage media in said storage area network, wherein said controller includes means to control a message selected from a group consisting of: non-persistent and persistent.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising supporting simultaneous access to said ~~message~~ queue by a ~~first~~ third queue manager local to a third server and said ~~a~~ second queue manager.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of managing a queue in a storage area network includes authorizing a connection handle to a call request from said queue manager.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising tracking a quantity of authorized connection handles for said queue.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of managing a queue in a storage area network includes dispensing an object handle by said queue manager for performance of a service to an object.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said transaction message control means utilizes a syncpoint coordinator.

25. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of managing a queue in a storage area network includes preserving data integrity.

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37. (Currently Amended) A method for messaging comprising:

managing a queue in communication with a controller of a storage area network of an asynchronous messaging and queuing system, said controller local to a managing server of said storage area network, and said queue maintained on physical storage media of said storage area network; and

controlling a message in said queue, wherein said message is selected from a group consisting of: non-persistent and persistent.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein the step of controlling a transactional message includes a syncpoint coordinator.

39. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein the step of managing a queue in a storage area network includes tracking a quantity of connection handles authorized for said queue.

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